

20 September 1951

Dr. Edward M. Earle
The Institute for Advanced Study
School of Historical Studies
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Earle:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 17, enclosing letters of introduction from Major General Hildring and Mr. McCloy. I am sorry that we were unable to meet in 1944 when you were in the ETO and 1945 when you were at Frankfurt.

I would be delighted to discuss with you any matters of interest to this Agency but unfortunately I shall be away for approximately the next ten days.

I hope to be in Princeton for a day or so in the early part of October and it might be possible for us to get together at that time. If this should prove inconvenient for you, I should be glad to see you in Washington at any time.

Sincerely,

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Walter B. Smith
Director

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September 17, 1951

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear General Smith:

It is rather strange to be sending you enclosed two letters of introduction, one of which is seven years and the other six years old.

When I was in the ETO for General Arnold in the spring of 1944 you were so busy that I felt it would be an imposition to present John Hilldring's note. The following year at Frankfurt, I was unable to present Jack McCloy's letter because you were in south Germany resting after your strenuous wartime activities.

Now I very much hope to have the opportunity of talking with you about some matters of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. I spent two months at SHAPE with General Eisenhower, who suggested that I ought to follow up with you this autumn on at least one of the matters I handled for him while I was at his headquarters.

I expect to be in Washington Wednesday and Thursday of next week and, if necessary, Friday morning, the 28th. I am wondering whether you would care to suggest a time when it would be convenient for you to see me.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

~~Edward Mead Earle~~

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CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

7 April 1944

Lieut. Gen. Walter B. Smith,
Chief of Staff,
HQ, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
A.P.O. 757, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

Dear Beedle:

So far as I know, the bearer of this note, Dr. Edward Mead Earle, has no official reason for calling on you, although he is in ETO on a special mission for General Arnold.

His reason for making this call is simply because he wants to know you, and my reason for writing this letter is because he is an old college mate of mine.

Ed Earle is quite a boy. He is Professor of Politics, Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. He is the author of "Makers of Modern Strategy", which in my opinion is the most important military volume that has been prepared in this country since George Washington assembled the Continental Army. He is, in addition to all this, the head of Hap Arnold's private brain trust and a special adviser to the State Department on the future of the world.

If you can give him a few minutes of your time, I will consider it a great favor.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. H. HILDRING,
Major General,
Director, Civil Affairs Division.

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